

REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 2-7, 19, 20, 22-26 and 29-34.

The Examiner rejected claims 44-45, 51-53, 55, 59-60 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. (United States Patent 6,013,570).

The Examiner rejected claims 46, 54 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. in view of Vahedi et al. (United State Patent 6,316,169).

The Examiner rejected claims 50 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. in view of Meikle. (United State Patent 5,942,440).

The Examiner rejected claims 50 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu et al. in view of Nakatani. (United State Patent 6,446,641).

The Examiner has stated that "claims 47-49, 56-57, and 63-64 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants believe the Examiners rejection of claims 44-45, 50-53, 55, 59-60, 62 and 65 and objection to claims 47-49, 56-57, and 64-are moot in light of Applicants cancellation of claims 44-64.

In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, Applicants retain the right to present canceled claims 35-43 in a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner has stated that claims 2-4, 6-8, 19, 20, 22-27 and 29-30 meet the acceptance criteria for allowance. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,
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